

and show how contextual and score-based algorithms are more dynamic than criteria-based and singular algorithms. In future work, we intend to adapt score-based algorithm by analyzing the risk factors and evaluate a threshold score as confidence level above which score the PE can grant the access to a resource. To make our proposed model more dynamic, past access history to objects will be considered as a factor in activity decision making which is referred in contextual algorithm of ZTA [29].

5 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In IoT-based connected and smart CPS, activities are inseparable part from the process of automation, and require run-time access control to allow of deny a requested activity in a system. We envision an **active** security model focusing on the activity-centric access control for smart collaborative ecosystems. The proposed ACAC model shows how current or preceding activities constraint the initiation of a new activity along with considering few other parameters such as authorizations, obligations and conditions. In this paper, we discuss the distinctions between ACAC and other related access control models. We highlight the factors for why these models are not fit for the systems with wide-range of connected IoT-based smart devices and activities. We present preliminary thoughts on model components, states of an activity and show a hierarchical structure for family of models (ACAC₀, ACAC₁, ACAC₂, and ACAC₃) that adds the significant supporting properties gradually to strengthen the model. We briefly discuss how Zero Trust tenets are supported by ACAC model.

For future work, we will develop formal operational and administrative models, policy language, and enforcement architectures for ACAC, as elaborated Gupta and Sandhu [17]. To support ZTA, we will accommodate the zero trust tenets and trust algorithms by analyzing risks present in the system. We also aim to build a self-adaptive and AI-driven ACAC model that will not need explicit policy definition for each access. AI-driven policy mining from activity logs will make the activity-centric control decision automated for connected smart CPS.

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